

ABSTRACT

A packaged beverage of pH 2 to 6 with a green tea extract mixed therein, comprising the following ingredients (A) to (E):

- (A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,
- (B) quinic acid or a salt thereof,
- (C) from 0.0001 to 15 wt% of a sweetener,
- (D) from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions, and
- (E) from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions,

wherein a content weight ratio [(B) / (A)] of said quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to said non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.0001 to 0.5.

The packaged beverage contains catechins at high concentration, is reduced in bitterness and astringency and is suited for long-term drinking, is excellent in the stability of bitterness and astringency and also in the feeling when it is swallowed, and further, remains stable in color tone even when filled in a clear container and stored at high temperatures.